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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 (37 C.F.R. § 1.142. Specifically, the Official Action avers the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 302.

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